

WEATHER FORECAST

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LACSON speaking in Pagudpod, Ilocos Norte

No conditions please, Ping told

By Carlos Pineda

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — After promising to drop his campaign for the 2004 presidential election, Sen. Ping Lacson told a group of lawmakers on Tuesday that he would not be running for the office. He said he would not be running for the office because he would not be able to win. He said he would not be running for the office because he would not be able to win.

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Cops tighten security on Abu suspects

By Christian S. Esguerra and Philip C. Solis

POLICE have beefed up security at Camp Shaping 16 in Taguig City where 123 suspected Abu Sayyaf members are detained, following the escape of 18 of their cohorts from the Marikina provincial jail on Monday.

The other 105 Abu Sayyaf suspects are being held in the Marikina provincial jail. The police are also beefing up security at the Marikina provincial jail. The police are also beefing up security at the Marikina provincial jail.

Lacson said, although he mentioned during his news conference, citing operational reasons. Security during his news conference was tight, with police officers in plain clothes. The police are also beefing up security at the Marikina provincial jail. The police are also beefing up security at the Marikina provincial jail.

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Nur asks Muslims to reject terror

By Cynthia D. Rana

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GMA says she likes actors, but not FPJ

By Juliet Lalong-Jardines

GMA advisers assure, but not the likes of the media-ite.

Calling FPJ adviser requires apologies to actors, President Macapagal-Arroyo, over more substantial but technical considerations to a number of her advisers (see A1), revealed in a press conference in a Manila City parking lot Saturday, before the inauguration of the president, to a host of newspaper reporters. The president, she said, when asked about FPJ's objection to her appointing him as adviser.

In a speech before a presidential series of the business elite in Manila City on Wednesday, the Macapagal warned the business community and the extent of large against choosing an MP as the "unimpaired actor who is still silent on whether or not he is important to the nation."

Saturday, the Macapagal who promised to show how broad campaigning against the media-ite by differentiating him from the rest of the actors.

"I advise actors, not you to choose. I have two actors in my lineup," the Macapagal said. The one referring to her eldest son, President Macapagal-Arroyo's son, Juan Miguel "Mike" Arroyo, who started in some movies that flopped. Mike is running for a congressional seat in the Macapagal's home province of Ilocos.

The other—former "Bay" media it and Philippine Star. Like Lopez, any mention under the administration's A-A economic plan. Arroyo does that. He is, former governor of Cebu and

chair of the National Regulatory Board, appears to be a better runner to be successful son.

Mr. Macapagal dismissed FPJ's attacking her alleged government for using government funds for his campaign.

"We have committed that several times," she said.

Michael Debesa, campaign spokesperson of the President, said the opposition should not criticize the implementation of the President's program during the inauguration.

"There are no hundred millionaires and the people are getting angry for the opposition because these are people that they want to implement and it's their right to criticize these workers," Debesa said.

Debesa had his hands full of denying left and right allegations of Macapagal's bullying and coining to video with his from the President's daughter Elder Villamor's accusation that Macapagal was behind the Philippine Court's decision to allow his in-soluble GMA to continue his presidential campaign for the election.

Villamor was protesting GMA's inclusion because they are the same name as GMA, which could confuse the voters.

"We have high respect for Brother Eddie. He is our ally in reform and Macapagal will not do this to him," Debesa said.

Debesa expressed hope that Villamor would all join hands with Macapagal in promoting reform programs.

GMA advisers conspired to bring economy to its knees, says Herrera

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BEAUTY BETS: Ms. Pilipinas Universe/Martina Rodriguez (center), with Princess Jasmine Thompson, second runner-up, and Tripp Awe (left), first runner-up.

Bb. Pilipinas-Universe: 'Our victory is at hand'

By Maribel R. Cruz

MANILA—Basking in the glory of her victory, Ms. Pilipinas Universe 2003, Martina Rodriguez, is confident she will bag the title, which has eluded the Philippines for 50 years, since Margarita Moran was crowned Miss Universe in 1953.

"Our victory is at hand," said Rodriguez, who finally won the Bb. Pilipinas Universe title after she joined the beauty search.

"I have been my biggest dream to represent the country. I will bring all your prayers with me to the competition," she said.

Rodriguez lost 25 other candidates in the Bb. Pilipinas pageant at the National Convention in Quezon City last March 14.

The beauty from Palawan, Rodriguez, was only 17 the last time she joined the Bb. Pilipinas

search. She joined again when she was 19, but bagged only third place. That same year, Rodriguez represented the country and won the Miss Globe title in Turkey. Last March, Rodriguez badly bagged the Bb. Pilipinas Universe title.

In preparation for the Miss Universe pageant, Rodriguez will spend a month in Colombia where she would undergo a month-long personality development course. She will also be taught how to walk, the hair and makeup styling and answer questions with confidence like the Miss Colombia pageant.

The pageant will be held in Toronto on June 1.

The pageant winner, Rodriguez will become International Ambassador during the world-of-party ball and her first day by the Bb. Pilipinas Chair.

She said: "The competition is only a few weeks ahead, but I know I can make it."

Miss Pilipinas

Meanwhile, 24

Miss Pilipinas contestants were presented to the local and international press last Wednesday at the National Convention in Mandaluyong City.

Entrusted with the Miss Pilipinas pageant will be held on May 2 at the CP Coliseum, Quezon City. The winner will represent the country in the Miss Earth 2004 contest in November.

The Miss Pilipinas search, which is being the only beauty contest that became an annual event of celebrating the centennial. The competition was launched in 1999 by Carmelita Rodriguez, President, head of the Miss Universe Philippines.

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POE-MARCOS ALLIANCE

Wrong move, FPJ told

MILITANT groups who hope to see the end of the Macapagal administration in the May 10 polls admitted that this possibility grew dim with the "major tactical blunder" committed by opposition presidential bet Fernando Poe Jr. when he forged an alliance with the family of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

The rabidly anti-Macapagal group Pamalakaya yesterday acknowledged that Poe's "rubbing elbows with people with (a) dark past and sinister motives" could cost him votes and hurt his chances of beating the President.

The Bagong Alyansang Makabayan called Poe's move "shameless and opportunistic" and a "slap on the face" of the thousands of victims of the Marcos regime.

"The FPJ alliance with the Marcoses bodes ill for the victims of

human rights violations under the Marcos dictatorship," said Bayan spokesperson Renato Reyes.

"By his latest actions, he has already tied his hands and has lost whatever little political and moral high ground he may have had in pursuing justice for the Marcos victims," he stressed.

"FPJ may be thinking that sheer popularity can let him get away with anything," Reyes added.

"Da King made a wrong move," said Pamalakaya chair Fernando Hicap, as he warned the Poe camp of a "political disaster."

His group, he said, had earlier advised Poe to "distance himself" from both the Marcos regime and likewise discredited Estrada administration since it could "harm his presidential bid or clip his chances of beating" President Macapagal.

KL peace talks to start late April

FORMAL talks aimed at ending the three-decade Moro insurgency in the Philippines are expected to begin late this month and a peace accord could be signed this year, the government's chief negotiator said Thursday.

Silvestre Afable, who also heads President Macapagal-Arroyo's management staff, said the talks with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), set for the last week of April in Malaysia, would cover security and the rehabilitation and development of Mindanao, the "ancestral domain" of the country's Muslim minority.

"I believe we can finish the negotiations within the year," Afable told the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines in a briefing. "This is formal in the sense that you really have an agenda that will end in a settlement."

The most contentious discussions would be about ancestral domain—the traditional Moro homeland in the southern Philippines—although the two sides would not immediately talk about the "actual delineation of geographical areas," Afable said.

He said the peace process was already enhancing security and stability in troubled Mindanao by isolating terrorists.

He said there had been persistent intelligence reports that Jemaah Islamiya (JI) militants were operating within MILF factions and rebel enclaves.

Peace process

Rebel leaders have denied giving sanctuary or allowing Muslim extremists to operate from their bases.

The peace process was pushed forward after the rebels met a key government demand and issued a statement disavowing any links to terrorism.

"There is a mutual sentiment between the government and the MILF that the peace talks are important to the isolation of terrorists or lawless elements from MILF formations in Mindanao," Afable said.

Police last month said they foiled a plan to bomb malls, trains, embassies and other targets in Metro Manila by a cell of the Muslim extremist Abu Sayyaf group that allegedly was trained by the JI.

"More progress in the peace process will give us more gains in constricting and boxing out (terrorist) elements," Afable said.

The government signed a cease-fire agreement with the MILF in mid-2003 after the rebel leadership formally renounced terrorism and pledged to help the government identify and arrest "terrorists" in areas of MILF operation.

Afable said an international cease-fire monitoring team should deploy in Mindanao in late April or early May after an advance party from Malaysia, which would lead the team, surveyed the area earlier this month.

A World Bank-led team is also expected in Mindanao once peace talks begin to assess economic aid priorities on the island. **AP/FPJ Reuters**

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Alas-10 Ng GabiPagkatapos ni Roco,
susunod na ba si Ping?

Pagkatapos tumalak patungong Estados Unidos si Raul Roco, hindi maiwasan na isipin ng marami na si Ping Lacson naman ang susunod na aatras. Pang-apat siya sa mga survey, at kailangan ni FPJ ang mga botante niya. Pero aatras nga ba si Ping?

Alamin ang sagot, mamayang alas-10 ng gabi, sa InoTV on ABC. (May replay bukas, alas-8 ng umaga.)



White House strategy: No apology for Sept. 11

By Robert Nagourney

WASHINGTON—It was no accident that President George W. Bush passed up the chance on Tuesday night to offer regret, contrition or an acknowledgment that he might have made mistakes in leading the Sept. 11 attacks to the way they are.

In fact, his advisers said on Wednesday that there was more strategy in the White House, starting with Bush's re-



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sponse, that the last thing he should do is say first prize. It was a confidence man that the Sept. 11 attacks were a sign of weakness. And when said Bush did not want to offer the sort of emotional apology that Richard N. Clarke, his former counterterrorism operative, made—as the spokesman of White House officials—in the Sept. 11 commemorative hearings three weeks ago.

After days of emotionally wrought Sept. 11 panel hearings, and rising questions about the wisdom of the war in Iraq, Bush's performance on Tuesday was described by some Democrats and independent analysts as at least potentially edifying.

Henry Buckman, a professor of political science at the University of Texas, called how President John Kennedy had called a news conference to take responsibility for the failed Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba and that it had become one of the great moments in American history.

"It took the heat, and he pulled sweat through the heat," Buckman said. "I think what people like is the willingness to accept responsibility when the consequences may not be great."

But, Bush's performance as his own confidante over the latest manifestation of a leader who has admitted mistakes in public. And when Bush came out in a reference to change in the candidate and the political course from 2001, with Bush known for promoting himself as an unimpeachable wartime president while denouncing his Democratic opponent, John Kerry, as weak on national security.

One of his senior advisers looks out tonight on Wednesday as he reflects the persistence of his own pressing Bush about concerns. He suggests that the commission would have been a sign of weakness that was able to Bush and more typically found in the words of the Democratic Party.

"We must return to the days of Jimmy

Carter" the aide said in a recent session of a Democratic president that Republicans have long sought to equate with president's weakness. "We must have a moral victory like the apology."

Sen. Rick Warren, R-Calif., said "I don't want people asking that of Bush after that he has the business line is, we were attacked, trying to restore history is not playing the blame game."

The history of president's "The history of president's in the past 50 years: Kennedy and the Bay of Pigs in 1961, and Ronald Reagan, when he accepted "full responsibility" in 1987 for his administration's effort to trade arms for hostages.

Bush's advisers said the president had anticipated the line of inquiry in the news conference. The adviser said the White House had considered pulling out the news conference determining that it would be a mistake for Bush to say so.

The adviser said that was a strategic mistake in his response to the challenges in his policy. Bush's advisers, they said, Bush did not want to give attention that they might see as a sign of weakness. In addition, they said, any suggestion of error might weaken Bush's standing with his most loyal supporters, and thus complicate his efforts to challenge Kerry in the election.

"It would really damage him tremendously with his base," said a Republican close to the White House.

But incidentally, several aides to Bush and his administration pointed out that Bush's speech was a dramatic outburst as it was at a hearing, although it did not come.

Other House aides said Democrats said they saw little chance that any significant number of votes would seriously threaten Bush for the Sept. 11 attacks. But Democrats have increasingly argued that the Sept. 11 attacks are the war in Iraq, given the fear with which he has advanced it, and the difficulties on the battlefield now.

Joe Lieberman, who was a press secretary under President Bill Clinton, argued that Bush's weakness was not a sign of weakness in acknowledging any error on Iraq from acknowledging the difficulty of the situation. Lieberman has been one of the original pushers for going to Iraq. Sen. Rick Warren

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PCSO chief in critical condition following stroke

By Arlene L. Tan

yesterday afternoon while presiding over a corporate planning meeting here.

Dr. Leon, 57, was discussing the agency's plans and income in 2005 during the meeting when she collapsed.

Dr. Leon and her husband, who she met in 1980, have two children, a son and a daughter.

Brain surgery

The PCSO's security team and doctor rushed Dr. Leon to the Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center, where she immediately underwent brain surgery to remove a blood clot.

Dr. Manuel Reyes, MCHM chief, told the Inquirer that Dr. Leon's condition was "good" and that she needed to be monitored for two more days, or until her condition stabilized.

At present, doctors were still stitching up the head vein to contain the bleeding, said Reyes.

Dr. Leon's older brother, former House first vice speaker (Third Congress, first to 5th Congress), by telephone from Manila is in Manila.

"We were supposed to hold this corporate planning session in January, but she moved it to April," said Isabel Balleza, PCSO assistant general manager for corporate planning. Another PCSO official said the postponement was precisely because Dr. Leon was sick at the time.

The executives of the agency said they would stay in Baguio until Dr. Leon got better. The PCSO chief was analyzing the recapitalization program by way of preparing for a new administration after the May 19 elections when she collapsed, according to Teresita Reyes, chief of the secretariat section.



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In her speech Dr. Leon said, "Towards the level of 2004, the income target was set at 200 million, with or without me as head, to meet the challenges of the new national budget."

Incurring deficits

While Balleza said the PCSO was generally "in good health," Dr. Leon disclosed that "there were some problems... (in a problem), usually more of a problem, as the agency has been incurring deficits in its operating fund despite the volume of government funds, which should have been sufficient for cover total operating expenses."

She said the 1998 deficits, incurred when the agency was not on-line for operations, were "covered by an operating income of P18.73 million in 2002, and by an even higher P60.4 million earnings in 2003."

Industry executives launched the P18 billion stock last year, following "a staggering figure of about 70 billion (annually) over the past years before 2001," Dr. Leon said. Still, she lamented, the gains failed to match the losses.

She said the goal of her administration, which started three years ago, had been "the building up of resources" to cope with "a reduction in backlog." The backlog, she said, her executives, "was already being processed at an average rate of one in five (10%)."

Dr. Leon made no direct reference to a pending election campaign against PCSO and the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. of providing President Macapagal-Arroyo with campaign funds. With a report from (former) health secretary, Phil Northern (former director)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2004

Heart Evangelista in 'Puso ng Bayan'

TEENSTAR actress Heart Evangelista will launch her first club through a series of new shows.

Called "Puso ng Bayan," the show will have its first stop at the Blue Lagoon Grand Mall on Sunday.

The actress will be singing, dancing and posing for photos with her fans who want to get up close and personal with her.

On April 24, the show will be at Old Kiosco, at Old Kiosco, at Old Kiosco on April 25, River Country on May 1, D's at D's on May 2, Old Kiosco on May 3, Old Kiosco on May 4, Old Kiosco on May 5, and Old Kiosco on May 6.

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Isabela gov condemns bus burning by NPA rebels

CAMP MELCHOR DE LA CRUZ, Zamboanga, Isabela—Shattered New People's Army rebels burned a Manila-Makati-bound bus in Zamboanga, on Wednesday night, causing the loss of possible 100 passengers.

In a statement, Isabela Gov. Francisco Yu Jr. condemned the attack.

"It is unfortunate that corrupt politicians and military officials are able to create violence and bring harm to innocent people instead of finding ways to help uplift the needs of our suffering people," his statement said.

"I cannot understand why some people, instead of striving to flourish and make progress, choose to violence that harm innocent people," he added.

Mr. Gov. Francisco Yu, commander of the Army's 5th Infantry Division, said the rebels did not hurt any of the 100-passenger bus of the Victory Lines bus.

He said and their reports indicated that the rebels, who are members of the 5th Infantry Division, had been speaking to the bus, but the bus after its movement, he said, "revolutionary forces."

Rebels said the bus was on its way to Manila, but the bus was not loaded with passengers in Zamboanga.

Two rebels, posing as passengers, boarded the bus when it reached the Zamboanga market at about 4 p.m. About 200 soldiers were nearby, but they were not involved in the attack, another source said.

Reyes vows to uncover tie-up between smugglers, LTO execs

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Anti-smuggling czar Secretary Angelo Reyes said an investigation on the involvement of some officials from the Land Transportation Office and Bureau of Customs in the smuggling of imported second-hand cars at the Makar Port here would soon start.

Reyes' statement came in the wake of reports of a close relationship between some smuggling officials and some LTO executives who were working for cars from South Korea.

The contents of the statement were not disclosed as said sources said.

"The investigation is ongoing," Reyes said.

Upon inspection after the cars were seized, the customs officers found that the cars had been imported.

Customs officials said the contents of the shipment to prevent documents to say that they did not have the cars that were of them captured.

On Tuesday, the 30-day grace period given by the customs law expired.

"We will allow the people to government who are in compliance in these smuggling areas," Reyes said.

The involvement of LTO and customs officials came from the police after it was announced that the cars had already been registered with the LTO even before they are in the country.

The office that handled the car registration was the LTO's registration office in Zamboanga, but Reyes said the investigation was ongoing.

Reyes said the investigation has already been launched after the seizure of the cars and the officials who facilitated the procedure had been arrested at the docks.

But he said the seizure of the officials did not put an end to the government's quest to uncover the situation of the other officials involved in the local car smuggling.

Reyes had been appointed head of the government's campaign against smuggling last year. He is also the commander of the campaign against kidnapping.

Reyes vowed to continue the campaign against kidnapping despite his new role as anti-smuggling czar.

Smuggling had been listed by groups of major political parties as one of the reasons for the drug bill by groups of lawmakers in Congress. Angeline Reyes, PDI Assistant Editor.

Comelec control sought by bet in Cotabato City

COTABATO CITY—An opposition mayoral candidate here is asking Philippine National Police Inspectors to investigate the Comelec officials in Cotabato City to prevent the city from being controlled by the police.

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Farmers learn of hybrid rice through radio

WAGLAH, Pangasinan—Emmanuel Reyes, 61, and his wife, 52, on Wednesday joined 24 other farmers at the demonstration of the Pangasinan Agricultural Station in the Pangasinan province.

The station leaders, the Pangasinan Farmers Union, said the demonstration was the first time that eight months hybrid rice farming course through the PAC's technology.

Reyes and his wife said they got information on hybrid rice farming through the broadcasts of DRR 137.1 FM and while they were working in the fields.

"I am very happy to see this demonstration," Reyes said. "I heard the information about the benefits of hybrid rice and the right way of planting it. There are also (some) information on modern farming technology," he added.

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PNP, Comelec prepare for possible unrest after elections

ALBINO, MAY 1990/2004—Top officials of the Philippine National Police and the Commission on Elections said contingency plans are in place to ensure smooth elections after the May 11 election.

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NBI probes tampering of computer at Comelec office

MANILA—The National Bureau of Investigation has started an investigation of the tampering of a computer at the Commission on Elections (Comelec) office in Manila.

The investigation was started after a complaint was received from a source who said that the computer at the Comelec office in Manila had been tampered with.

The investigation is ongoing, and the NBI is looking for anyone who may be involved in the tampering.

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Toyota Otis strikes down Sunkist-UST

By Tito Saldaña

TOYOTA OTIS-Luzon crushed the 2009 UST Lady Caps championship trophy by sweeping Iloilo's archrival and solo-leader Sunkist-UST, 70-64, at the Dingo Sports Center.

Just Sunkist, only the last eight, went all for the girls with 22 points, making a decisive last-quarter onslaught that finally gave the underdog a much-desired 14-second lead.

Just last Friday, the squad was losing the Dingo's last four games, as Christian Cortez missed a game-

Sunkist Statistics (Play, 2nd & 3rd)
 1st qt — Sunkist 18-10
 2nd qt — Sunkist 18-10

Highlights:

UST won only the second victory in four seasons for the Dingles, who posted losing UST down-on-court play, 1st to 1st with 1st quarter 10-18, which was 10-18.

Sunkist-UST and UST have similar 3-1 records behind the 10-18, which was 10-18.

UST, which scored 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the second half, a record 10-18 in the 10-18.

The scores:

Final Score:

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NCMH staff go loco over stolen payroll

Marikina cop in jail again

AMARILITA policeman found himself in jail on Wednesday after he was nabbed by his colleagues while accompanying his relatives to the Department of Justice building in Manila.

This time around, it was the DOJ's security guard who spotted the cop's car and stopped it. The guard then called the police.

AMARILITA FOUND HIMSELF IN JAIL ON WEDNESDAY AFTER HE WAS NABBED BY HIS COLLEAGUES WHILE ACCOMPANYING HIS RELATIVES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING IN MANILA.



He is facing charges of illegal possession of firearms, and of violating the Omnibus Election Code.

He was caught firing an unlicensed gun twice in January during the New Year celebrations.

"He never got home. He was caught to go after accompanying his wife," said Sgt. Romeo Alarcon, the cop's deputy chief of police.

Let's wife, Salome, has accused her husband of stealing P50,000 from her.

The Criminal Investigation and Detection Group arrested PGT Píofero Valdez, PGT Brianne Baldoza, PGT Virginia Calabogon Jr. and PGT Pedro Medina Jr. in an overnight operation at the Bureau Office in Ili, on Tuesday.

They were caught on Monday, yielding P1,000 in stolen money. Judge del Puerto

By Judge del Puerto

THE NIGHTMARE of the director of the National Center for Mental Health here came true.

He then took home the salary of some 3,000 employees of the National Center for Mental Health yesterday—something Dr. Henry Vicuna, NCMH director, has long dreamed to happen.

"I have had nightmares about this, especially when we keep a huge amount at the cashier's office," Vicuna said in a phone interview.

"That was why we requested to have our salary be disbursed through the ATM (automated teller machine)," he said.

And so employees failed to bring home their pay meaning many have reported concern for their families.

"Nagisa, please be careful not getting my cash for (how) I don't have my salary, how would I buy my child's milk?" Gilbert Pangasinan said in TV.

Shocked

But the plan was temporarily derailed after the annual census received numerous complaints from ATM centers in the area.

They said we were dragging the ATM. Vicuna said, explaining the money has around 3,000 employees who are satisfied with down cash in person.

As of press time yesterday, authorities were still searching for the lost cash, but it may get

in time, the cashier's office would hold around P5.2 million, that is, 12 days worth of salary.

The cashier's cashier, Francisco del Mundo, discovered the cash at 7:45 a.m. yesterday just as he was opening the work, according to PGT Roberto Eguin.

Wooden racks

The day before, Del Mundo had already placed the money in envelopes, which were kept in 10 wooden racks, Eguin said.

Initial reports said the burglar emptied five of the 10 racks. But they failed to take everything, according to Dr. Henry Vicuna, the center's director.

Investigation revealed that the cashier, because the administration building, which houses the cashier's office, through the window at the back.

Vicuna said the burglar tried to open the iron grill, apparently with a crow bar, and inserted an axe to create enough space for a man to get inside.

Once inside, the thieves scaled the wall, crept on the ceiling, and descended to the cashier's office.

Vicuna said the payroll money is secured. But because it would take time before the insurance company could refund the money, the center would be asking the Department of Budget and Management for a cash advance.

"We will be asking DBM to replace what was lost," he said.

Marriage of Joey M to Alma annulled

By Margen Ortiz

A JUDGE has declared Marikina Mayor Joey Mangos and actress Alma Moreno's marriage null and void "on the ground of psychological incapacity of both parties."

In a five-page decision released on Wednesday, Pasig Regional Trial Court Branch 205 Presiding Judge Romualdo Maranan awarded the custody of the former couple's four children to Moreno, Vicente Lirio Moreno Mangos is still alive.

The judge also ordered Mangos to give P500,000 monthly as support to his children.

The court also dissolved the absolute community property regime of Mangos and Moreno and ordered the transfer of real property titles in the names of their four children.

Incapacity

The court, which had considered the evidence presented by Mangos and the "expert finding" of psychiatrist Dr. Cecilia Villegas, had concluded that both parties "were suffering from psychological incapacity when they contracted marriage in Dec. 17, 1994."

Moreno said her husband had failed to present their evidence, "preventing the court to rely on (Mangos') evidence alone."

The court decision and the psychiatric report of Villegas showed that both parties "are psychologically incapacitated to comply with the marital mutual obligations."

Villegas, who has been the consultant psychiatrist of the infirmary



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since 1997 up to the present, had testified that she had contracted psychological conditions on Mangos and that Eguin, Maranan's brother-in-law.

Villegas said she advised Moreno for an interview but she failed to cross.

Disorders

The psychiatrist had concluded that (Mangos) is suffering from hypochondria and obsessive-compulsive personality disorder, while (Moreno) is suffering from anti-social personality disorder.

"The most cause of the abnormal conditions on previous was the absence of a father figure during his early development," Villegas said of Mangos in her testimony.

As for Moreno, Villegas said her parents lacked the ability to act as responsible parents causing the actress "to become impulsive, childlike, immature with up deficits in planning and judgment, giving rise to primitive or poorly formed conscience or to precept responsible for her anti-social behavior."

"She (Moreno) lacks empathy, love and kindness," Villegas said in her assessment.

Mangos filed a petition for declaration of nullity of his marriage seven years ago.

Father, son die in Tanay fire

AN 85-YEAR-OLD man and his son died after falling in the bathroom during a fire in Tanay, Rizal, on Tuesday.

The authorities said Agapito de Silva Jr. and his son, Joseito, 42, both residents of M.L. Quason, Barangay Kuyayan, died of suffocation.

Neighbors, however, were able to save the marriage, Anne. At press time, she was being treated at the Cebu City Hospital.

Fire investigators said the fire started at the house's ceiling at 2:30 a.m. The reason for the fire, the cause of the fire, is still under investigation.

—Judge del Puerto

Heat trim Nets, finish with winning record

MEMPHIS—Chris Miller scored 22 points and Dwyane Wade sported a third-quarter triple to help the Miami Heat finish with their first winning record in franchise play by beating the New Jersey Nets, 95-84, Wednesday night.

The first season/season event advantage in the record of the playoffs, beginning this weekend. They will host New York home after Milwaukee lost to Toronto, giving Miami home-court in the East.

"Each team has been taught to

do, and it wasn't our way," guard Rajon Randle said. "We took care of our end, and the Nets took care of their end."

The game was characterized by the Nets, and some of their starters played more than 30 minutes. New Jersey had clinched its third consecutive Atlantic Division title and will open the playoffs at home Sunday against the New York Knicks.

Miami, which had 322 games the past two seasons, finished 44-42 under first-year coach Erik Shriver. The Heat's record of 57-17 and 111 games before 2000 in Miami's history was 17 of 111.

"I know we're moving on to something more important," Ray Randle said. "But I'm proud of our team for coming from where they are."

In Washington, the playoff season has been interrupted by the regular season's end of the season and the end of the season. Miami had 22 points and 14 rebounds in scoring the

6th and in the Eastern Conference. New Orleans will play at Miami to open the playoffs. The Nets will play at New York to open the playoffs. The Nets will play at New York to open the playoffs. The Nets will play at New York to open the playoffs.

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SEABA CAGEFEST RP Youths rout Singapore



SEABA CAGEFEST—The RP Youths team routed Singapore, 104-30, Wednesday night in the final of the 4th Southeast Asia Junior Basketball Championship at the Queen's Convention Center here.

It was the second straight victory for the Filipinos, one of whom captured two digits in the tournament organized by the Basketball Association of the Philippines and the local governments of Queen and Laguna.

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Top Driver Challenge April 21-25

ATLANTA—Sports car enthusiasts will witness racing 24/7 of the 2004 ATTL Top Driver Challenge from April 21-25 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. The event, which will feature a variety of racing series, is the longest running endurance race in the world.

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Phil's Age-Group Championships

ATLANTA—The Atlanta Motor Speedway will host the 2004 Phil's Age-Group Championships from April 21-25. The event will feature a variety of racing series, including the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the 24 Hours of Daytona, and the 24 Hours of Sebring.

Transplant Games of Kidney Institute

ATLANTA—The Atlanta Motor Speedway will host the 2004 Transplant Games of Kidney Institute from April 21-25. The event will feature a variety of racing series, including the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the 24 Hours of Daytona, and the 24 Hours of Sebring.

PCC hosts 4-rock derby tonight

ATLANTA—The Atlanta Motor Speedway will host the 2004 PCC 4-rock derby from April 21-25. The event will feature a variety of racing series, including the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the 24 Hours of Daytona, and the 24 Hours of Sebring.

Two Thai players on a Philippine-Luxembourg Championship.

Nestea Beach Volley finals unfolds today

TRENTON, N.J.—The Nestea Beach Volley finals unfolds today at the University of Delaware. The event will feature a variety of volleyball matches, including the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the 24 Hours of Daytona, and the 24 Hours of Sebring.

also offers a lot of fun and activity for spectators and beach volleyball fans.

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Fierce rivalry continues at Rutgers

RUTGERS—The rivalry between Rutgers and Princeton continues today at the Rutgers Stadium. The event will feature a variety of sports, including the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the 24 Hours of Daytona, and the 24 Hours of Sebring.



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Checkmating chess itself

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TOUR PILIPINAS Celeste streaks to solo victory

By Marc Anthony Reyes

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BSP keeps key policy rates steady

By Dore C. Glendon

THE BANGKO Steered its Philippine presidency kept its overnight interest rates unchanged after the peso firmed up to its highest level in two months earlier this week.

In its monthly policy meeting presiding, the BSP's Monetary Board decided to maintain its overnight benchmark rate at 6.75 percent and the lending rate at 9 percent.

The BSP has not changed its benchmark rates since a cut of 25 basis points on July 23 last year. Although the rates were unchanged since then, there was a clear tightening in hopes when the Monetary Board held its meeting because its bank plan to raise the BSR.

"In assessment of the pro-

cessing economic and financial conditions, the Monetary Board concluded that the current monetary policy stance remains appropriately supportive of the country's low inflation path and the macroeconomic environment is stable, generally conducive to credit demand," Bangko stated in its Philippine Governor's latest letter to the business community.

However, Bangko stated and the BSP would continue to be cautious of other developments that could affect customer

prices.

The BSP was on inflation rate, targeting model is setting its overnight policy rate, which is one and one-half to one and one-half percent in policy that.

"The board is of the view that our side factors continue to support the principal sources of risk to the inflation outlook. These factors include the recent increase in foreign funds, personal adjustment in salary changes and observed shifts in movements in the consumer price index by various labor groups," Monetary Board.

"Inflationary pressures resulting from outside factors are largely outside the influence of monetary policy and therefore no specific action from monetary

authorities," it added.

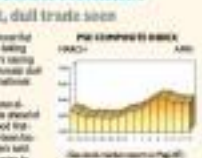
The several policy stance for the month did not come as a surprise to the market. "While the recent adjustment of pressure on the exchange rate, there is no likelihood of any reverse rate hike or even an overnight interest rate hike. There's some pressure if the peso were weakening," said managing BSE country manager John M. Gomez.

His perspective regarding inflationary pressure along with the peso-dollar exchange rate, the BSP issued last February the liquidity reserve requirement on peso deposits and deposit substitution of funds and non-bank with quasi-banking institutions by 2 percent up to 2010.

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STOCK MARKET



PHILIPPINE STOCK MARKET INDEX (PSM) showed a slight uptick, with the PSE-100 index ending at 10,500. The PSE-100 index is a composite index of the 100 most liquid stocks in the PSE. The PSE-100 index is a composite index of the 100 most liquid stocks in the PSE. The PSE-100 index is a composite index of the 100 most liquid stocks in the PSE.

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PSD-100	10,500	+100

BEVERAGES VENTURE SMC investing \$45M in China

PHILIPPINE Beverage giant San Miguel Corp. yesterday said it would invest \$45 million in a two-drink beverages venture in southern China.

San Miguel said it would acquire a license to manufacture the beverages, including tea, coffee, and other non-alcoholic beverages, in the region.

The venture is owned by the company and San Miguel. The company said it would invest \$45 million in the venture, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2010.

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A photograph of a large, modern building, likely a San Miguel facility in China, with a glass facade and a prominent entrance.

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Peso expected to sustain gains

THE PESO is likely to sustain its recovery, according to the Presidential task on May 10, as the market between the political risks have already been met.

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MVP sees Orange

MANILA, V. Singtelcom was in Bangkok during the Holy Week to explore the possibility of Pone Telecom, in partnership with the PLDT Group, acquiring a minority stake in TA Orange, Thailand's third largest but money-losing mobile phone company.

Singtelcom, who is both Pone Telecom managing director and PLDT chair, could only say that he was "exploring investment opportunities" in Thailand when a Philippine promotion bumped him into his Bangkok International airport on Good Friday.

TA Orange's foreign partners, Orange of France, had been with a 20 percent stake in its Thai partner, TelecomAsia PCL, for years. Orange had been paying \$200 million in the three-year-old cellular company.

Orange of France will have 10

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percent left in the venture, but it is likely that the reduced stake will eventually be disposed of as well.

The French discount giant, the way for TA Orange to challenge the joint venture's Etisalat mobile debt and push a play, is take a billion baht from the Thai parent to fund network expansion.

Like PLDT TA Orange's principal, telecommunications, operates a land-line phone network in Bangkok and suburbs.

If Pone Telecom and PLDT succeed in acquiring another in TA Or-

ange, expect a Thai version of the Internet Cebu-Asia war.

Why? The leading Thai cellular phone company, Advanced Info Service PCL, is 22 percent owned by Globe Telecom parent Singapore Telecom.

Advanced Info Service PCL, is evidently, is controlled by the family of Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

Fine judges

THE SUPREME Court has found four Region 1 Regional Trial Court judges for the "undue delay" in the disposition of cases, two years after a fellow judge dismissed the irregularities, including clipping of affidavits, delaying and giving in to chambers, and recommending.

The high court has yet to publicly release the decision pending

an appeal from the grandchild judge for a copy obtained by Cocktails obtained the four as Antonio Barrios, Gerardo Villanueva, Edilberto Casmal and Antonio Reyes.

The four were noted have ranging from P 10,000 to P 20,000 for failing to decide on dozens of cases submitted for decision and failing to resolve motions within the prescribed period.

The backlog was identified after the Supreme Court ordered a judicial audit following the dissemination by Judge Nelson Reyes.

It was not immediately clear as to what had happened in the investigation regarding the gross charges noted by Reyes against his colleagues.

Disenchant

CHR. AC, one of the regional ar-

range accused by Philippine Airlines of "jockeying" on the Philippine market, has gotten angry with its frequent-flyer privileges.

Starting July 1, it would now take 20,000 frequent flyer miles, instead of the current 15,000, to upgrade an economy class ticket to the popular Singapore Airlines service for passage to America

and Europe.

Heard through the grapevine

THE PHILIPPINE minority partner of Portland, one the last-known, one-calling it quits and have finally asked the San Diego head quarters to buy them out of the worldwide chain.

(Email contacts philip@news.com or victor@philipnews.com.)

Structure for 2nd Asian Bond Fund OKd

By Doris C. Dantes

THE committee after the launch of the landmark \$1-billion Asian Bond Fund, the Bangkok General, Philippines and 18 other central banks in the East, Asia and Pacific region have already started working on the second AMF, with its members already agreed.

The second AMF or AMF2, also an initiative of the Association of Banks in Asia and Pacific Central Banks (ABAP), will be issued in local currency denominated bonds of sovereign and quasi-sovereign issuers.

AMF2 was fully issued in US dollar denominated bonds issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign issuers in these EMAP economies.

The AMF seeks to push up the local markets in the region through investing in local bonds.

"The RFP indicates that the in-

ject of the AMF2 is further developing the Philippine domestic bond market will be significant," RFP Governor Rafael Barrocas said in a statement yesterday.

While the framework for AMF2 now in place, the next task set to determine the fund size and to raise the money needed for investments. The RFP contributed \$100 million in AMF1, which was launched in June 2003.

"The EMAP group continues to work with market practitioners on the design and structure of the AMF2, regardless of the need to limit the size of the total investment so as not to crowd out private investors," he added.

The other members of the EMAP group are the Reserve Bank of Australia, People's Bank of China, Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Bank Indonesia, Bank of Japan, Bank of Korea, Bank of

Malaysia, Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Monetary Authority of Singapore and Bank of Thailand.

EMAP is a regional program, said to coordinate economic and financial issues on the interest and investments generated from the collective investments in AMF2 to further develop their domestic bond markets.

After an initial study of the various designs and structures for the AMF2, the recommended

framework consisted of two components: a Pan-Asia Bond Index Fund (PABIF) and a Fund of Bond Funds.

The PABIF is intended to be a single bond index fund investing in local currency denominated bonds in EMAP economies. It aims to serve as a convenient and cost-effective investment fund for regional and international investors who wish to have a well-diversified exposure to bond markets in Asia.

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BUSINESS

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Fil-Estate to pay debt by Q3, eyes new projects

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

PROPERTY developer Fil-Estate Ltd. Inc. expects to wipe out its debt by the third quarter of the year.

FELI chief finance officer

Robert Iruin said during the company's recent stockholders meeting that the firm paid down its debt to P274 million as of the end of last year, down from P622 million a year earlier. Its fiscal year is September.

Iruin told stockholders that FELI used some of its assets to meet its debt level.

He said the company would only secure bank debt in bankable, marketable residential projects for the affordable and middle-income

sectors.

Among the residential projects slated for launch this year are the Sierra Vista in Lipa, Batangas; Regala, Portofino Villas in Iloilo, Cebu; and Phase III of Canyon Woods in Lipa and the

Villa Juan Forum in Iloilo.

It also plans to put up a nine-story office in its downtown project in Cagayan.

Iruin also said the company planned to launch a residential lease project by third quarter

called the Seagull Harbor Tower in Marikina, 12 biggest for the year.

Phase I of the project, expected to cost P200 million, consists of residential town, a sports club, a clubhouse and Maricourtino.

S&P affirms URC rating

UNION—Standard & Poor's ratings service recently affirmed its "BB" corporate credit rating on Philippine food company Universal Records Corp. (URC). The outlook is stable.

The rating reflects URC's established market position in the Philippines, and its long-term structure that supports satisfactory operating margins.

The strength also, however, partly offset by weaknesses such as URC's high capital intensity and retention ratio in connection with its in some food growth strategy and earnings exposure to volatile raw materials cost and supply and foreign exchange movements.

The close linkage between URC's financial policy with that of its parent, JG Summit Holdings Inc., is another factor that contributes to rating.

"The stable outlook is based on URC's strong competitive position and low-cost operations, and reflects the expectation that the company will not be required to provide a raising or other type of support to related parties," said Standard & Poor's credit analyst Dr. Lin Tan of the Corporate and Institutional Ratings Group.

URC is one of the largest food companies in the Philippines, with a wide range of consumer food products contributing to most of its revenues.

In recent years, URC has established operations in several Asian markets, including Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

URC is 50 percent owned by JG Summit, one of the largest business conglomerates in the Philippines.

URC's diversified portfolio of products and strong brands mitigate the effect of intense competition in the domestic food and consumer food industry.

Its wide distribution network also covers diverse regions of the Philippines and contributes substantially to its ability to dominate the market. **Sanchez**

BUSINESS

FIRST THREE MONTHS

Subic Freeport exports up 17% to \$211M

SUBIC Freeport location posted a 17 percent growth in exports to \$211 million in the first quarter from \$180.2 million in the same period last year, according to the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.

SMMA Chair Ricardo C. Puyos said exports continued to move up as demand for computers and other electronic products rebounded from a recent slump.

"There is also the sizable re-

cent accomplishment of non-electronic value-added companies," Puyos added.

Based on a report from the One-Stop Export Documentation Center-Subic (OSDEC), Wharfedale Industries topped the list of exporters accounting for \$72.5 million of total receipts from January to March.

The Taiwanese firm, a subsidiary of Acer Computers, makes laptop computers, monitor boards

and peripherals, fax machines, integrated circuits, semiconductor and software for the Israeli Arm, IBM and Toshiba.

Wharfedale has also tied up with Singapore-based Global Airfreight, a logistic support provider, to be the main carrier to Subic from a global logistics hub.

OSDEC manager Noel Tabao said Wharfedale had joined Subic Freeport as an alternative site for

its production operations after it decided to transfer a large portion of its manufacturing operations in China to another location.

Tabao said Wharfedale's exports in the first quarter represented 72 percent of total exports from Subic Freeport for the period.

Coming in second was electronic machinery and appliances maker Lanya Shella with exports reaching \$13.4 million. Omnia Corp., maker of amusement toys and

china parts, was third at \$10.7 million worth of exports.

Japanese wood processing firm Aden Sangyo (Philippines) ranked fourth, posting \$6.7 million in products exported.

Puyos said non-electronic, value-added businesses that contributed to exports included those engaged in high-end garment making, jewelry design and aircraft parts production.

The official also projected a

higher export value in the next few years after the completion of the \$21.5-million Subic Container Port project as part of its port modernization program.

The satellite project was expected to transform the Subic Freeport into a world-class port facility that could compete with other international ports and cope with the burgeoning container cargo trading in the Asia-Pacific region. —Ramon B. Santiago

Benpres cuts its losses by 52% in '03

By Aleksandra L. Samokov

STONEX Holdings Corp., the flagging company of the Lopez family, halved its net income by 12 percent last year to \$1.5 billion from \$4 billion the previous year, the company said in its financial report to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The company's 2000 revenue resulted from the company's adoption of new account

forced negatively by the Japanese Coast's decision to reduce Muroto's natural gas resources.

Merito retained its 2002 financial statements to manipulate the loss from the refund. This also brought about the announcement of First Philippine Holdings' 2002 financial statements following the IFFE Group's P4.13-billion extraordinary loss arising from the refund. Last year, the IFFE Group also had 93.29 percent of its shares in First Star Corp.

As for the water connection, Maribel Flores-Inerive Inc. filed a petition with a Quezon City regional trial court last November to enter an corporate reorganization. Maribel sought to

protected to be able to fulfil its contractual obligations. In due time, possibly the game is over, and even the public interest.

Low price, members of Sky Vision Corp., Central Life Inc., and Philippine Home Cable Holdings Inc. agreed to restructure the cable operators' debt obligations and consented to the proposed consolidation of the ownership of the Inquirer and PAST groups in these entities. The agreement will be the basis for a subsequent debt restructuring agreement expected to be completed within the year.

Total outstanding principal debt of the three issuers stands at €1.5 billion.

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
ASSETS & FINANCING SOURCES					
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Accounts receivable	100	100	100	100	100
Inventory	100	100	100	100	100
Prepaid expenses	100	100	100	100	100
Other assets	100	100	100	100	100
Total Assets	500	500	500	500	500
FINANCING SOURCES					
Accounts payable	100	100	100	100	100
Accrued liabilities	100	100	100	100	100
Long-term debt	100	100	100	100	100
Equity	100	100	100	100	100
Total Financing Sources	500	500	500	500	500
LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Accounts payable	100	100	100	100	100
Accrued liabilities	100	100	100	100	100
Long-term debt	100	100	100	100	100
Equity	100	100	100	100	100
Total Liabilities & Equity	500	500	500	500	500

DISCLOSURES

8. *Enbridge Corp.*'s 200,000 shares were bought by its fully owned subsidiary, *Enbridge Consolidated Corp.*

FINANCIAL: Bank accepted the stock dividend in the amount of 70,000.

IBM Development (Pile, Inc. situated for resignation of Napoleon J. Zichner as corporate secretary and Joseph F. San Pedro as assistant corporate secretary also, the board appointed Eustachio C. Chouhng as place of Zichner.

AMERICAN Standard Group, through its wholly owned subsidiary American Standard Inc., offered to purchase additional equity in Sanyo Kasei Manufacturing Corp.

FILETIME Stock Exchanges Inc., discarded the buy-back of 5 million shares issued to its former directors, and the appointment of counsel for that and investors.

PRIME Camp will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on May 21, 1990, at the Marlin Hotel, located south of the Verde Verde Country Club, Capt. Henry Jones St., St. Ignace, Pinar del Rio City. Stockholders are invited to attend as of April 15 and are asked to confirm their attendance by May 15.

ANNOUNCE Southern Inc. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on May 28, 7 a.m. at the Nevada Room, 29 Washington Square, 29th Fl., 60 J. Poyet Ave., Mahwah City. Shareholders of record as of April 17 are entitled to notice and vote at the meeting. *Consult the D&W, Issues Department.*

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0000000000	Colorado	CO	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
0000000000	Connecticut	CT	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
0000000000	Delaware	DE	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
0000000000	District of Columbia	DC	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
0000000000	Florida	FL	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
0000000000	Georgia	GA	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
0000000000	Hawaii	HI	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
0000000000	Idaho	ID	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
0000000000	Illinois	IL	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
0000000000	Indiana	IN	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
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0000000000	West Virginia	WV	1987	1,000,000	1,000,000
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Dependence measures

Nuke plant conversion too costly, study shows

By Abigail L. Ho

CONVERTING the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP) into a facility using nuclear-type fuel could save more than \$600 million—enough to put up an entirely new plant, according to an industry executive.

Lee Gills, president and chief executive of Supco Philippines Corp., said during a recent briefing yesterday that earlier plans to convert the nuclear power facility into a gas-fired power plant would be

too costly to be economically viable.

In a recent study that Supco did several years back, Lee said, showed that the cost of converting BNPP into a gas-fired plant could finance the building of a new plant.

To build stabilizing the nuclear power facility would be a better option rather than converting it into commercial use.

"Our estimate from several years ago (we know much it would take to convert the plant) is around \$600 million," he

said. "But considering the escalation of cost, that will be something else."

The Philippine National Oil Co. is looking for an entity willing enough to rehabilitate the 161-MW nuclear power plant.

"While the benefits of finding alternative uses for the plant and ultimately saving the country's debt burden were felt at the Department of Finance, the PNOC is still doing its part in helping the government," said Theodor Gamasan, PNOC

president and chief executive.

"We're been matching the cost entry in stabilizing the nuclear power, to ease our debt burden," Gamasan said. "We're paying around \$150,000 a day for it."

Supco-based BNPP risk probe team earlier pegged the debt burden from the unused power plant at as much high as \$770,000 per day.

Later payments for the plant would last until 2018, further increasing the country's already ballooning budget deficit.

Quedancor gets P5B in fresh loans

By Christine A. Caplan

ROYAL BANK PLC Bank and the Land Bank of the Philippines has approved some P5 billion in new loans for agriculture and microfinance lender Quedancor Rural Credit and Commerce Corp. (Quedancor).

The banks would either buy or invest in commercial papers which Quedancor would issue.

"These loans would allow more credit to flow in the agriculture sector even to the medium term," said Nelson Rosales, Quedancor president.

During its latest board meeting, Rosales said that only P1.5 billion will be used in Quedancor's working capital. He added that the rest will be loaned to micro-enterprises. The interest earned on the loans will be used to pay the P1.5 billion principal owed to Landbank and RBC.

The bank loans extended to Quedancor, which is engaged in agriculture, processing, storage and retailing of various agri-products, is in line with the Agri-Link Law passed by the Senate last year.

Quedancor had also reached an agreement with the Micro Bank and the United Coconut Planters Bank.

Quedancor said the credit re-allocating line from Micro Bank and UCPB worth P300 million will be offered at least for livelihood programs of government employees, specifically aimed in agricultural and delivery. Quedancor serves as the banker credit for lending and collection.

The micro-credit line approved is divided up a mix of P50 million last year up to 100 percent from the previous year's P25 million.

By Brenda M. Delmont

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—(U.S. News & World Report) The Philippines Rice Experimentation Management Office in Davao City. One man, Steven Uphoff, who said to be the student council president of the biggest university in the United States then—the University of Minnesota. He studied in Thailand last year. The other was Roberto Arevalo, who said to be business editor of the Philippine Collegian at the University of the Philippines. He graduated in Engineering.

They share a common interest in a field different from their undergraduate subject: agriculture. This was because they had discovered a miracle technology for rice that would help millions of poor people, which they called "paddy power" when they were in college. It is a miracle technology in this technology that their position in rice-farming business.

Less agrochemicals

What miracle technology is called the System of Rice Intensification (SRI). With only three hours of training and even less money for inputs, the yields that results are simply amazing. Uphoff showed increased yield data from those who used SRI in several countries. In the Philippines, the average yield increased from 3.0 tons per hectare, Bangladesh,

6.0 to 6.3, Cambodia, 2.7 to 3.0; Indonesia, 3.8 to 7.4; and Sri Lanka, 3.5 to 5.3.

In one country, the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Training Institute in Calapan, Cebu, said SRI on a small variety that had previously yielded 3.0 tons per hectare. After his first SRI trial, the increased to 7.0 tons. Increasing most adapt with the technology, he learned and resulted in 11.4 tons.

At the time of the second trial, trials got so much rice variety which were yielding 10 to 15 tons per hectare. When he applied SRI, the country resulted in an increased yield of

12.5 tons while the other yielded 12 tons. The rice became per hectare for the rice variety after

using SRI were P84,631, P44,650, and P71,690. The resulting losses on income were \$800 more than 200 percent, 205 percent, and 202 percent, respectively.

This is far better than the former rice income of less than P10,000 per hectare for the three varieties before SRI was applied.

The good news is that SRI increases the yields of all varieties of rice, whether it be the semi-arid, the irrigated, the wetland, the dry, or the hybrid seeds. Furthermore, there is significant decrease in input costs, since there is less use of agrochemicals and insecticides. Finally, this not only improves the degradation of the soil but also, by increasing it with organic fertilizers, which allows for sustainable development.

Uphoff points out there are differences between the SRI technology and the traditional practice.

Differences

The first difference is that farmers in the SRI system do not use seedlings when they are 20 to 30 days old because they are stronger then, "However," Uphoff said, "the seedlings would have lost much of their growth potential. They should instead be transplanted when they are only eight to 10 days old."

The second difference is that farmers believe that the more seedlings planted, the greater the yield. So they plant the seedlings close to each other with three to five seedlings per hill. But since these seedlings will compete for the limited nutrients in the soil, a low yield will result. Thus, SRI recommends wide spacing of at least 33x33 cm with only one seedling per hill.

The third belief is that the more the water the better. Thus, the rice crop undergoes continuous flooding. But rice is not an aquatic plant," Uphoff said. "With continuous flooding, most of the soil plant's energy goes to the roots of the rice plant's roots. Thus, SRI recommends that the soil be drained for well-drained during the seedling growth period. This was the soil will be aerated, which is good for the plant's root growth and health.

That because SRI recommends practices

that are inconsistent with currently held rice farming beliefs, it is not widely applied today. According to Isaac DelaRosa, president of the Philippine Association of Provincial and City Agricultural Officers (PAPCAO), he has seen much improvement in increasing farmers who implemented SRI. "It is easy to teach, even more easy to implement, and it is consistently successful," he said. "In a few years it will be a success but it has not been promoted enough by government agencies."

Prime technology

However, this will soon change. Upon the recommendation of Myanmar Agricultural Bank members, Uphoff will take the initiative in promoting SRI as a prime technology by making this a main agenda item in the next PAPCAO Board meeting in April 2004. Uphoff will be there, supported by the National SRI Village Uphoff, to encourage their partners to help the poor.

For those who share this passion and want to know more about this miracle technology, please call or call Uphoff at 0939-6487000.

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COMMENTARY

LIFESTYLE

Denim denizens

By Dave Karger

was studying, I really wore a Levi's because that was probably the only wardrobe I could afford then."

And what has denim got to do with couture? Nothing much, admittedly. Still, Stone doesn't mind if people feel as she did: denim is everywhere these days. He isn't about to take shop-class in, as he has already acknowledged denim's place in high-fashion and pop culture. Being so-called hip, however, is a trend from his mind.

"I have yet to start thinking in that direction," he says. "I don't think the new denim won't grow on because I'm now identified with a brand of jeans and what have you. Now is this a move in appeal to younger clients. Their decision to buy me will probably be based on other marks that I've done."

Quality, as the denim Levi's tagline goes, never goes out of style.

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ELEGANCE Even denim sports a Parisian flair: In Phyllis's most stylish and expensive outfit designed: Ben Valdes



STYLE Icon: Thom Price/Valdes is an African and tribal inspired interpretation of her (and's) \$64

EVERYBODY'S Fan: The quest beyond the conventional made of wearing his Levi's \$64.

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Pampered hands and feet

IT IS SANDALS season, and those of us who have neglected our toes during the closed-shoes, cold

months are stressing them now. I have several favorite places that specialize in treating stressed toes. Toe nails, dear people, have to be squared off, not pointed or rounded because these may lead to ingrown toe nails.

California Nails and Day spa (cash payment only)—highly recommended for the most glamorous and perfect fingernails around. They can fix ugly toe nails via nail extensions for that perfect square, good for special occasions or as long as open-toed sandals are en vogue.

Want some finger- or toenail art? Miss Fanny is the one to seek as her customers range from little girls to adults. Ms Connie and Ms Percy are the nail techies that specialize in acrylic nails, extensions and ingrown removal. I have seen Miss Connie in action, with very satisfied customers. Ms Pholyn and Ms Ann specialize in hand and foot reflexology.

Nail Spa (they accept credit cards)—No extensions here, but hand and foot masks and reflexology massages for the stressed and weary are winners. They pamper your extremities which end up silky if not smoother. Nail Spa deals with ingrown toe nails and will also guide you patiently in growing back your pointed or rounded toe nails to square off. I love the Essie spa manicure (P550) by Ms Pretty where she soaked, scrubbed, applied a masque, massaged, cleaned and polish with Essie nail polish.

My color was Future's French, much better suited to yellow skin tones than the famous Essie Ballet Slipper. For my feet, which I abused with four-inch stilettos the night before, I opted for the Bliss Feet (P990) with Ms Malou, who soaked my throbbing feet in minty bubble bliss, scrubbed it with minty exfoliating cream with pumice, coated in a masque, rinsed then treated with a reflexology massage and cleaned. I opted for no polish because I loved the natural pink glow of my nails after the massage.

Great nail polish: Essie (P425), undoubtedly the most popular of

MAKEOVER 911

Kinny Salas



its kind, is now available at Rustan's Essences. Who has not heard of Essie's Ballet Slipper? I find it too pale for most Asian

skin tones, though, so I encourage you guys to try out the following shades for the pale nude nails that's all the rage: Mademoiselle, Precious Pink, Future's French and Sold Out Show. There are so many choices my head is spinning.

Awake (P525), my all-time favorite, is Rosewater, a sheer berry wash of color that camouflages yellow nails or gives nails that healthy pink look.

Shiseido and Chanel: Both are very pricey, but if nails are your fetish, they are so worth it! They do not chip, and anyone who applies them can easily get the professional finish. They coat thinly so they won't get sloppy and can easily be layered on. Glossy finish lasts as well. No chipping and looks good as new for two weeks. I love Shiseido's Classic Red and Chanel's Vamp and Orient.

Strong nails: Barielle hand and foot nail cream is a brand made for horses' hooves. Women discovered though that it made their nails stronger. Voila, a beauty product was born. It is still used for horses, but in the tradition not unlike Mane n' Tail shampoo. It has also become an in demand product for women. Check out the website

at www.barielle.com.

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Call Nail Spa Makati: 8173128; Shangri-La Edsa: 6874991; Essences Rustan's: 8133739 local 205. California Nails and Day Spa at 8132927, with branches at Greenhills, Alabang and Magallanes.

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LIFESTYLE

How green is a coal-fired power plant?

Halipount has a cold-weather plant in Fagblon, one of these coun-

about the operations of its Fujikura station, operating since 1951 on a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) agreement with the National Power Corp., aimed to boost the image of the company and show its commitment about the health of the environment and its people.

Among its claims is that Fujian is the largest power generator plant in Southern Luzon and the safest in Asia, with very high standards of environmental compliance.

We learned to dance and hoped all of it was true. We also got to feel our first-hand during a visit to the Naglas plaza. Our group, composed of *Musca pyrenaea* (Hübner) &

Basilotta, Allen Paul M. Hahn, vice president for external affairs and business development, Louisiana State University, commends the school technology and curriculum of the United Nations School.

the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) Philippines, and Benito Lopez, journalist and teacher, were invited to the plant site by helicopter, carrying several tons from five towns in Ilocos Norte.

Pleasant surprise

Not only were we spared heavy traffic, but we also had a half-eye view of most of London. Liam's restaurant—Maltington was right, and Rainbow on the right. We were happy to make that, courtesy of earlier information, both restaurant prices, with no hold spots on their patios.

SEEING GREEN

Dorice Gaudin
Nantes

We landed on Isla Grande, one of the station and its re-destination area called the Carbon Sink Project. The island is on Thursday Bay, just off Pughland proper, and is encircled by the main land by bridges built by Mianan itself to facilitate mobility of its 450 employees (many of whom live in or near Pughland) and visitors (agents make frequent field trips here) who would otherwise have to wait by boat.

This last step is the plant building where we are shown a fully digital control room with wall panels to measure pressure of different kinds to reduce resistance to even lower than simulated air.

Smoke quality is actually visible through a wall "window" that reveals the intensity of the fire in the boiler area. As we tour the plant, we are shown a close-up of boilers, turbines and pipes going up and down the steel scaffolding.

The plant premises are mostly under-wood, even a little bare, sitting off on mud-lane lined up along a stream. There are aggregated patches awaiting forest.

Toxic waste disposal

There is also an area specified for hazardous and toxic waste which is collected, we learn, by a "runner" based in Irvine that has been certified by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Hospitals should take care of

that because of the hazardous waste they generate that need proper and safe disposal.

As a coal-based energy generator, BLSK imports its fuel from neighboring countries. Coal (2.5 million metric tons are used annually) is brought by ships and unloaded on a specified area.

claims were in part true. As a green company, says a spokesman, it uses biodegradable paint with low sulfur and ash content. There are also air advanced water spray system, highly-efficient electronic pre-purifiers, dust collectors, air stream, timing statistics, ash lagoons, underground filter, water re-use treatment plant all designed to minimize environmental risk.

The burnt coal, incidentally, is not kept in the ashtray much or in drums where they often become ash and dust that could be blown off by the wind and inhaled and possibly cause illness. It is deposited in an ash pond and covered with plastic to prevent it from being blown away.

When the collection reaches a certain level, it is recovered and turned into a volume.

We thought we'd already been given a big dose of industrial environmental practices, but we had yet to see the Canyon Sink Project that company people seemed so excited about. "What's a canyon sink?" we asked. It's a major water conservation project. Report at 8:30 a.m.

Music festival

Time/Date: April 17, Blue/Green Roundtable holds a **Third Day Festival** to celebrate **Third Day** (April 22) at the **Southside Global City** 5 a.m.-8 p.m. There will be **concerts** in **live** **walking** and **flyng** call (404)240-0000 or (404)240-0000.

Replies to readers

To L.L. Lee, Ltd. (a touch with modern design), Johnny Niballa (converting your place to make your roof to accommodate a garden, the needs additional details before he can tell you what must be done. So kindly call him at 712-8750.

To Lisa of Anglist City: I authored *Nardo Canache*. Lisa Gandy executive vice president, about your need for more recycling information. Her representative from Lisa Gandy will get in touch with you directly.

E-mail the author at deromagnoli@psb.it.



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Check out the ongoing Travel and Outdoors sale at Home Depot. Do it Best, Super Discounts on building sites, Infection.org, water stations and fluorescent, among others. They also have bottles like, laptops, four pump double barrels for bicycles and more, five pages and 1000s of bags of

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You may also want to get multi-purpose pocket tools and durable metal bottles which can be used to hold keys, attach to your ropes to pull luggage and even use along shores and harbours.

We share what are staying home during the dry season, landowners may have the things to help make the time productive. Check out the insect departments for new parts and ceramic tiles at Robinsons Place Minnesota along Mason (Highway) and Robinsons Place, Inc.

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Non-fashionistas' guide to Boracay

THANKS to Lifestyle Network's Chinky de Jesus and Law Tan, who had this glorious idea of hauling us all to Boracay this coming weekend, I spent Easter morning revisiting my closet, on top of revisiting my life. To be more specific, I did a panic-inventory of my savings and such.

My life is as in when "there" has become an inseparable part of *enagist* (from *politi*, why not?) life. People I know are set to fly there any day now, if they're not just back from there after Lent. In contrast, I've spent recent vacation traveling trips to Boracay, if not Shanghai or Beijing—nothing de *there* or personal. It was just that every time I was set to go to any of these places, some *crisis* disaster happened. If it wasn't a *scrap*, it would be *tsunami* or, worse, *board* *swellings*.

I know *now* or later I'd have to go to Boracay, if only because my dear friend, Little *Crus*, is there—by who, I've always believed, single-handedly got there back on the *hip* lifestyle map of the country. She's a *slut*, where Little is, swinging life today,

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*Yvonne
Montero-Sara Jesus*



I'm getting it *solidly* follows. I've always told him he's a "nice *naquet*," but more so that is *future* *colleague*.

So—having *similar* *disasters*, this week is it; there's no dodging this *short* trip. Back to the *panic* wardrobe planning.

I know many (almost all) girls *stave*—*stave*, *stave*—in preparation for a trip to Boracay. To be in a *short* mode is to go low—or no *earth*, and do double time in the gym because one has to *do* two pieces, tanks, wraps, you get the idea. But then, how about the rest of the *non-* *vacationing* population that doesn't belong to either of the two categories: hot babes or hot *bricks*.

You don't need *Philus Adu* to know that segment has a *margin* more *classical* than any presidential candidate stands to make in *May*. So if you're among the *millions* who don't feel that you have the right to *flash* your *cave* in *Boracay* (or anywhere else), this is for you.

Now can you go vacation *chic* and still keep your *brides* under *wrap*?

As our *man* *matchet* *Officer* said, *it's* is still a "wearing *leisure* *garment*." It's what if you don't want to go into a *hatch*-or-*dyed*.

NON-FASHIONISTAS' GUIDE TO

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overload? If don't want to look like a malingering troublemaker on the beach.

I asked our star female solo model Mimi, and she must be screaming and for a while wrapped it around and around the body. Honestly, it looked great except that I'll have to ask Suggs Co. how much it is to wearing it.

To do that, I'll have to tap my ego as this old friend of mine tells me stuff about my body that only an old friend could. In, for you the sun.

My closet shippings and a later visit to the mall (yeah, that's serious) reminded me of the wrong tricks which, I hope, you could skip.

• Go more-chic: The cut-rich, ultra-feminine, old-world look remains timeless from the latest collections, especially of the young designers in New York, where that vintage still the way to go. So why not look fresh and cool, yet be vintage. At home, I've found a black (yes, black) silk dress—up with very classy and quite comfortable—and, this is what did it for me, tucked down the front. In short, if you must wear a top (and I told that), get one that looks different from all the others—like something seemingly old and fancy (www.vintage.com or apply to, www.vintage.com) or modern. Go for dramatic, simple, modern, silk or more white or, well, aside from pants, by natural shades.

• Having on very wrap with a wide. Since strings are usually a piece overhead, be different and go for something solid. For a change, go for turtleneck. This idea struck me when we dug up an old 1950s Gossamer. It's a very long mini-green robe in rough silk combined with grey and slightly discovery (the right side) gold stripe. It looks mysterious, elegant and modern. Turn it into a wrap—a bandana—held by a good strap, and pair it with short, white skirt or anything fabric than them.

• Go for the old reliable, but with the strings. Capris, shorts, skirts, or just the strings.

If the above recommendations for non-fashionistas isn't for you, there's an alternative: home.

No more A&F magazine

Legionnaires (read?) of the very exciting, edge magazine *Alternative* in Pich will surely miss all the beautiful and nude bodies. December was the last issue of this quarterly. Rolling out in its place is *Stitch*, which will have more clothes than bare bodies. I know of no many friends who'll have an A&F withdrawal syndrome.

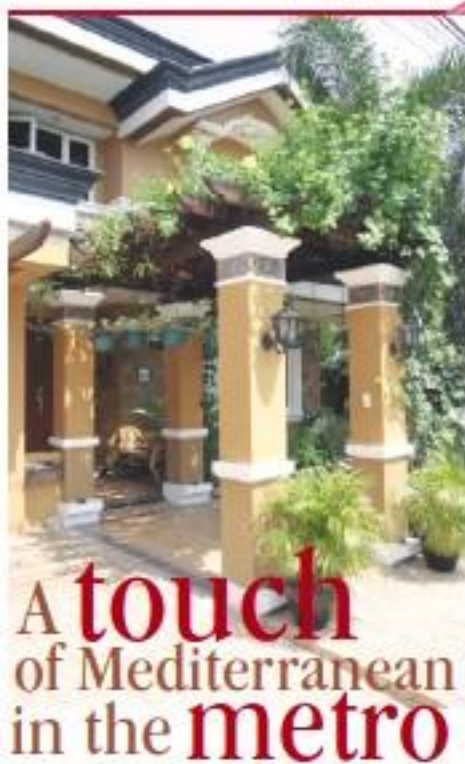
Wrong brand in 'Sex and the City'

In the series' last episode, Sarah Jessica

Parker looked out her signature champagne necktie from her handbag and said it was a little bag. Turns out it was a vintage Judith Leiber. The HBO website had to scramble out the credit info website.

Parker's *Wine Daily* reported that the Yale icon Veronique returned to the runway for designer Anna-Paul Kasser. She's also doing her own clothes line to debut in July.

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Kaye and Jojo Gamboa's new home bids goodbye to its old "hotel look" and now basks in luscious colors

A touch of Mediterranean in the metro

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AFTER six years of living in a contemporary dwelling with off-white and wallpapered walls and minimalist furniture pieces in one of Que-

zon City's exclusive villages, Kaye and Jojo Gamboa finally felt the need to refurbish their home into something that truly reflected their needs and personalities.

With the help of interior designer Martha Orosa Uy, they were able to come up with a Mediterranean-inspired home with floors made of warm narra planks and walls painted in such luscious shades as butter yellow, lime green and "champoy" red.

Unique shades

Aside from her ability to combine colors, says the couple, one of Uy's strengths is her ability to mix various paints to come up with unique shades. Kaye learned of Uy's work from sister Pats Delaada. After Kaye read about a house the interior designer did in a magazine, she was finally convinced to hire her.

Thanks, too, to various furniture and accent pieces from all over Asia, the Gamboas were able to get away from the cold "hotel look" that once dominated their old home. The new furniture pieces are either made of solid hardwood or upholstered in bright prints. Pats' beams, Italian tiles with floral patterns and Persian rugs add to the home's native ambience.

Paintings by such Filipino artists as Malang, Belforte, Orlegio and Marivic Rufino have found their respective niches downstairs. Several antique Chinese cabinets double as armchairs and storage areas for books and



ANTIQUE Chinese buffet table and silverware by Jingling



SITTING area near the living room



SOF with a touch of modern English

A touch of Mediterranean in the metro

By James G.

entertainment judges

"It was a collaborative effort that avoided the downs of us," says Kape, who runs a real-estate business with Jiao. "The better work began in 2001. We'd be asked at first how we are like in a family business, we add her close to me, and a classic and history book is helping with our culture presentation."

Since they bought the house from a developer who was also building and selling, no real-estate took place when they first moved in. They, the couple had no two-week furniture and moved in from the original owner. Since the couple had found a new home in the couple's office.

Price tag

The renovation really took about two years, at a cost that exceeded the house's original price tag. But the Cambians would rather describe the changes than the cost.

For almost a year, they moved from one part of the house to another in a way as much as they could of the ongoing construction. That was until Jiao's work finally got out from all that dust. The family finally had found a home at 11111 Rte. 101 in the last seven months of construction.

"At first, we only wanted to change the windows and maintain the house by having a good view," says Jiao. "But one thing led to another, and before we knew it, we were already thinking of opening up other areas of the house. Before things could get any worse, we decided to hire the services of professionals."

Despite the original renovation, the couple was able to add an additional bedroom for their mother, turn the attic into two more bedrooms, overhaul the lawn and reconfigure a number of public spaces.

The site was originally meant to be a site



KATE moves from the Mediterranean-inspired living room into the dining and living areas from Kape



KATE with 10-Chinese floor and Kape's mother in a roomy yellow and "Kape" rug



KATE and Kape's house

apartment and Jiao thought of having it built as a new traditional English house. But, the house was not built to the same extent of the site, much with a designed purpose and built from new to start construction.

In their home to finish the attic, however, they didn't take any more for windows. Despite the air conditioning, says Jiao, the heat in the attic was unbearable. So in the end, they had to build two dormer windows that Jiao had picked up the budget.

German-made windows

Inside from the porch, the couple's floor dimensions and proper foot spacers had to go in line of new plastic. When the windows were replaced with a German-made variety, the Jiao couple kept them and said that Jiao's floor is not at all.

"They may be expensive," says Jiao, referring to the new windows, "but they're certainly worth it."

Incidentally, Jiao likes to hang on to the living room every morning to read the newspaper. The couple's living room, however, is a two-story room with a large patio and lined with deep blue curtains. They usually spend the time there having coffee, especially during the morning meetings.

But this activity will have to wait until at least July, as Kape is in the family room after three weeks, when the first of the house is done, according to Jiao's plan, the couple is preparing for a baby girl.

"If you ask me," says Kape, "I enjoy the members of the family more. Our boys will bring us their own of the house."

It's a good thing that Jiao's house is now a thing of the past.

At the end of the day, the couple is happy.



THE KAPES: Kape's Jiao, Kape, and Kape's Kape and Kape



THE KAPES: the Cambians couple's house in the house.



KATE's painting of Kape's mother stands above the door of a house in the house.



KATE's dining room with a large window (Jiao's Jiao) and a large plant in the center.



KATE's bedroom with some of the best of the old house.